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Estimate of the cost

of the [unclear]

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houses have been made

5. I would suggest that in good sized water can be obtained, which in dry weather could be drawn about from tree to tree where necessary.

6. Indeed if we could go further with the water scheme, it would be a great boon to the health of the trees, I more particularly refer to the erection of a small hydraulic ram in the lake to force the water up into some prepared tank say behind the office, where the water would be in the centre of requirement.

7. Two of the large Norfolk Island Pine "Macaranga excelsa" have been cut down, in consequence of the attack of white ants.

These trees have a great predilection for Coniferous more especially the above. This is to be regretted for the best Pines we have, in our poor soil are but very poor in comparison to what they are in their native China, and when the attack of these pests are added to the already impoverished soil, the results are certainly an exposure

Botanical Gardens

Singapore

12th Nov. 1880

Sir

1. I have the honour to report as follows on Gardens operations for October

2. In the early part of the month advantage was taken of the favourable weather, for planting another series of flower-beds behind the band-stand.

3. The dry weather experienced a few days after planting them, naturally gave them a check but by heavy watering and some watering in the evening I have not to report the death of any.

4. The above work sadly shows some defects in the system of watering, most of the water having to be carried in oil tins this being necessary, a slow & tedious process. A number of men had to be employed, when with a proper apparatus two or three men

would

8 In my last Report I stated
the great want of manure, in the
long rows. Up to the present
I have finished manuring and re-
planting one side, as the plants are
small a little time must elapse before
they will look well. - The other side
will be processed with as other work
will allow -

9 The border near the Cactaceae is
nearly ready for the reception of
a portion of the plants grown
near the aviary -

10 Attention has been directed
to increasing the pot plants of
the cactus type, these plants being
the only plants suited for the plant
house. Cylindrical plants can be grown
much better under the plants, one of
the reason being that they have more
light & room on all sides, whereas
in the plant house they are cramped
up and really only have room to grow
on one side -

11 The island in the lake has been
fringed with tree-ferns
Economic Garden -

12 Sixty plants of *Coccoloba* have
been

been planted out in the ground
prepared for them mentioned in my
last Report - we now only require
the milk or Cow Tree. *Prosimium fulvellum* etc
which is promised us to complete the series
of commodities required at the breakfast
table -

13. As soon as the weather per-
mits after working manure into the
beds. & other work will be taken in
hand to try what can be done, -
The existing plan preclude the possibility
of making it look so well, as if
the plan had been different

I have the honour to be
Sir

Yours Obs Servant
Walter Fort

14th Sept.

The Honble

Frederic C. Smith C.M.G

Chairman, Land and Commerce
Singapore